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E.O. 11652 XGDS-1, DECLAS MAR 1976

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SUBJECT: KHMER CHARGE TO LEAVE MOSCOW

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1. GKR CHARGE CHAN SORY, WHO IS PLANNING TO LEAVE MOSCOW BY APRIL 1 (REFTEL), TOLD EMBOFF ON MARCH 20 THAT TWO OF THE OTHER THREE CURRENT MEMBERS OF THE GKR EMBASSY STAFF WILL ALSO LEAVE, WITH ONE PERSON REMAINING BEHIND AS A CARETAKER. THE MOVE IS STRICTLY BUDGETARY, HE SAYS, WITH NO POLITICAL PRESSURE TO CLOSE DOWN EITHER FROM PHNOM PENH OR MOSCOW. HE RECEIVED ORDERS FROM HIS GOVERNMENT OVER A MONTH AGO, HE SAID, BUT PLANE TICKETS HAVE NOT YET BEEN PROVIDED AND THE DEPARTURE DATE MAY SLIP.

2. CHAN SAID THAT HE CONSIDERS THE MOVE UNWISE AT THIS TIME BECAUSE IT WILL INEVITABLY BE INTERPRETED AS A POLITICAL EVENT. HE HAS THEREFORE RECOMMENDED THREE ALTERNATIVES TO HIS GOVERNMENT: THAT HE STAY ON FOR TWO OR THREE MORE MONTHS, THAT THE REMAINING OFFICIAL BE DESIGNATED CHARGE FOR PURPOSES OF SYMBOLIC CONTINUITY OR THAT A REPLACEMENT BE NAMED, EVEN IF HE DOES NOT

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COME SOON.

3. ON THE LATTER POINT, HE SAID THAT THREE REPLACEMENTS HAD BEEN PROPOSED BY THE GKR LAST YEAR (FOR THE THREE KHMERS SCHEDULED TO LEAVE) BUT THE SOVIETS WOULD NOT ISSUE THEM VISAS. THERE WAS NO OUTRIGHT REFUSAL, HE SAID, BUT SIMPLY NO RESPONSE. MEANWHILE HE AND THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE EMBASSY CONTINUED TO BE ACCORDED NORMAL DIPLOMATIC TREATMENT HERE. THE CLEAR IMPLICATION WAS THAT THEY COULD STAY AS LONG AS THEY LIKED, BUT THAT WHEN THEY LEFT THEY COULD NOT BE REPLACED.

4. CHAN SAID THAT HE AND HIS WIFE AND SON PLAN TO SPEND TWO OR THREE WEEKS IN PARIS, WHERE THEY HAVE FAMILY AND FRIENDS. THEN THEY WILL GO BACK TO PHNOM PENH, VIA BANGKOK OR SINGAPORE. HE SEEMED BRAVE ABOUT THE PROSPECTS AND SAID SEVERAL TIME "I MUST GO BACK, I AM A GOVERNMENT SERVANT AND I FOLLOW MY INSTRUCTIONS." HE ALSO NOTED THAT FOUR OF HIS BROTHERS ARE IN THE GKR MILITARY, INCLUDING ONE WHO IS DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF.

5. CHAN SAID THAT HE HAS HAD NO DEALINGS WITH THE SOVIETS ON POLITICAL MATTERS FOR MANY MONTHS. HE THOUGHT THAT THE PROSPECTS FOR A NEGOTIABLE SETTLEMENT IN CAMBODIA WERE POOR BECAUSE NEITHER SIHANOUK NOR THE KHMER ROUGE WANT THEM. HE SPOKE OF PERSONAL "JEALOUSY" AS A SERIOUS OBSTACLE TO POLITICAL ACCOMMODATION IN CAMBODIA.

6. HE REITERATED THAT HE WANTS THE NEWS OF HIS EXPECTED DEPARTURE HELD IN STRICT CONFIDENCE BECAUSE OF THE UNWARRANTED SPECULATION WHICH WOULD INEVITABLY ARISE ABOUT THE REASONS AND THE TIMING OF HIS DEPARTURE.

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